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COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER  
AND MEAT PRODUCTION  
DECEMBER 1962

January 31, 1963

DECEMBER MEAT PRODUCTION 1 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR EARLIER

Commercial production of red meat in the United States totaled 2,269 million pounds in December--1 percent above December 1961, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 5 percent below November 1962 production of 2,401 million pounds. Commercial meat production includes slaughter in Federally inspected and other commercial slaughter plants, but excludes farm slaughter.

1962 TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 2 PERCENT ABOVE 1961

Red meat production in 1962 totaled 27,865 million pounds, 2 percent above the production of 1961. Of the 1962 volume, 14,931 million pounds were beef, nearly the same as the previous year; 931 million pounds were veal, down 3 percent; 11,208 million pounds were pork, up 4 percent from a year earlier; and 795 million pounds were lamb and mutton, down 3 percent. Lard production for 1962 at 2,363 million pounds, was 1 percent below 1961.

Beef accounted for 54 percent of the total red meat production in both 1962 and 1961. Pork comprised 40 percent of all red meat production during the past year, compared with 39 percent a year earlier. Veal made up 3 percent of the total for 1962, compared with 4 percent in 1961. Mutton and lamb accounted for 3 percent of the total for both 1962 and 1961.

The number of cattle slaughtered during 1962 was 26,093,100 head, 2 percent above the 25,634,600 head slaughtered in 1961. The average live weight for slaughter cattle in 1962 was 1,005 pounds, compared with 1,017 pounds in 1961. The number of calves slaughtered in 1962 was 7,442,200 head, 3 percent below the 7,701,200 head slaughtered in 1961. The average live weight for slaughter calves in 1962 was 223 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of hogs slaughtered, at 79,253,600 head, in 1962 was 2 percent above the 77,334,700 head slaughtered in the previous year. The average live weight for slaughter hogs during 1962 was 239 pounds, compared with 238 pounds in 1961. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1962 was 16,828,900 head, 2 percent below the 17,190,000 head slaughtered during the previous year. The average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 97 pounds in 1962, compared with 98 pounds in 1961.

DECEMBER BEEF PRODUCTION 2 PERCENT BELOW A YEAR EARLIER

Beef production during December at 1,146 million pounds was 2 percent below the 1,169 million pounds produced in December 1961. The cattle slaughtered during

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December 1 commercial meat and lard production, United States, with comparisons 1/

Month and year	Beef	Veal	Pork 2/	Lamb and mutton	Total red meat 2/	Poultry 3/	Lard 4/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
December 1961	1,169	71	950	62	2,252	523	207
November 1962	1,209	79	1,048	65	2,401	734	223
December 1962	1,146	70	993	60	2,269	562	210
Jan.-Dec. 1961	14,930	960	10,730	818	27,438	7,121	2,384
Jan.-Dec. 1962 5/	14,931	931	11,208	795	27,865	6,988	2,363

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Excludes lard and rendered pork fat. 3/Chickens and turkey meat ready-to-cook basis, excludes slaughter on farms for home use and non-farm production. Estimates of monthly poultry meat production based on available indications of marketings developed from information on inventories, number raised, intentions to raise and market poultry as well as data on chick placements and current monthly marketings. 4/Includes rendered pork fat. 5/Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

December commercial slaughter, United States, with comparisons 1/

Species, month and year	Number slaughtered			Average live weight	Total live weight
	Federally inspected	Other commercial	Total		
	head	head	head	Pounds	Million Pounds
<b>CATTLE</b>					
December 1961	1,589.3	417.7	2,007.0	1,027	2,061
November 1962	1,686.1	475.5	2,161.6	1,000	2,163
December 1962	1,561.9	418.9	1,980.8	1,022	2,023
Jan.-Dec. 1961 2/	19,968.1	5,666.5	25,634.6	1,017	26,060
Jan.-Dec. 1962 2/	20,338.6	5,754.5	26,093.1	1,005	26,220
<b>CALVES</b>					
December 1961	415.7	198.9	614.6	207	127
November 1962	456.3	215.5	671.8	210	141
December 1962	381.1	195.6	576.7	217	125
Jan.-Dec. 1961 2/	5,005.2	2,696.0	7,701.2	223	1,716
Jan.-Dec. 1962 2/	4,979.8	2,462.4	7,442.2	223	1,659
<b>HOGS</b>					
December 1961	5,737.9	1,002.0	6,739.9	240	1,617
November 1962	6,376.4	1,002.9	7,379.3	241	1,780
December 1962	5,953.8	997.8	6,951.6	241	1,677
Jan.-Dec. 1961 2/	65,632.4	11,702.3	77,334.7	238	18,387
Jan.-Dec. 1962 2/	67,770.3	11,483.3	79,253.6	239	18,952
<b>SHEEP AND LAMBS</b>					
December 1961	1,123.8	162.8	1,286.6	99	127
November 1962	1,215.4	164.4	1,379.8	97	134
December 1962	1,098.4	150.9	1,249.3	99	124
Jan.-Dec. 1961 2/	15,036.2	2,153.8	17,190.0	98	1,688
Jan.-Dec. 1962 2/	14,691.7	2,137.2	16,828.9	97	1,638

1/Excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated total based on unrounded head and live weight.



COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	18.5	19.9	18,176	19,460	203.2	227.1	203,192	223,991
N.Y.....	38.5	35.0	41,772	37,870	468.0	493.0	511,832	531,942
N.J.....	34.5	37.0	42,332	45,251	436.5	441.0	533,673	534,299
PA.....	68.0	70.0	74,120	75,810	836.5	897.0	905,462	950,804
OHIO.....	89.5	86.5	90,037	84,770	1,152.5	1,164.5	1,145,931	1,135,909
IND.....	52.5	57.5	53,655	58,018	691.0	730.5	696,384	729,175
ILL.....	93.0	93.5	98,673	98,082	1,342.0	1,238.5	1,420,073	1,269,788
MICH.....	48.5	52.5	50,634	54,758	673.5	714.0	695,222	735,697
WIS.....	78.5	70.0	85,565	75,810	918.0	876.5	988,370	946,323
MINN.....	115.0	105.0	122,820	110,775	1,408.5	1,393.0	1,490,126	1,451,831
IOWA.....	255.0	260.0	277,645	280,800	2,738.0	2,907.0	2,965,370	3,078,104
MO.....	84.5	88.0	86,359	90,280	1,090.5	1,100.0	1,108,507	1,108,582
N.DAK.....	8.8	8.0	10,446	8,656	96.1	109.2	105,093	114,809
S.DAK.....	39.5	37.5	43,292	40,838	457.5	477.0	496,998	507,818
NEBR.....	178.0	172.0	186,366	179,740	2,186.0	2,278.0	2,283,845	2,336,436
KANS.....	77.0	84.5	76,692	85,514	1,139.0	1,079.5	1,148,471	1,070,356
DEL.-MD....	12.0	9.0	13,040	9,714	140.0	132.0	151,520	141,227
VA.....	11.8	13.0	11,918	12,922	167.6	180.8	168,802	180,937
W.VA.....	5.2	4.8	5,060	4,733	69.5	69.6	66,175	67,283
N.C.....	11.6	11.3	10,765	10,170	158.5	163.9	143,324	150,649
S.C.....	6.8	6.5	5,712	5,492	104.8	93.7	86,514	78,812
GA.....	23.8	24.1	19,302	20,075	328.8	344.7	261,572	277,451
FLA.....	26.5	22.8	23,982	20,474	355.5	347.8	314,149	313,482
KY.....	13.1	13.7	12,301	12,686	175.4	184.5	161,937	167,946
TENN.....	28.5	27.5	26,676	25,052	412.5	432.5	368,321	389,031
ALA.....	16.9	15.1	14,703	13,484	241.4	222.4	205,433	191,378
MISS.....	17.8	19.3	13,991	15,749	304.5	312.7	244,539	255,623
ARK.....	8.6	8.9	7,172	7,476	127.7	131.3	104,066	109,049
LA.....	11.0	9.5	7,799	7,581	168.3	146.2	124,293	107,463
OKLA.....	24.6	24.7	22,017	22,008	325.4	337.1	277,463	295,514
TEXAS.....	101.0	104.0	90,698	90,896	1,526.0	1,539.0	1,375,913	1,358,142
MONT.....	8.2	7.4	8,216	7,407	100.5	98.1	99,316	96,630
IDAHO.....	16.1	16.1	16,873	16,728	206.9	219.0	212,194	225,187
WYO.....	1.1	1.3	1,098	1,310	18.8	18.2	18,621	17,962
COLO.....	88.0	74.5	91,432	77,554	1,118.5	1,162.0	1,180,988	1,197,490
N.MEX.....	6.4	6.3	5,926	5,846	77.0	94.6	69,638	87,712
ARIZ.....	14.4	15.3	12,931	13,357	177.4	195.4	155,127	171,724
UTAH.....	17.6	17.3	17,618	17,577	230.1	231.2	234,567	235,110
NEV.....	1.8	1.4	1,870	1,421	28.5	21.6	28,980	21,423
WASH.....	33.0	34.5	33,792	35,190	452.0	464.5	459,261	472,183
OREG.....	19.9	17.6	20,039	17,565	268.4	259.5	267,358	257,734
CALIF.....	202.0	198.0	207,656	204,534	2,514.0	2,565.0	2,581,541	2,620,584
U. S.....	2,007.0	1,980.8	2,061,221	2,023,441	25,634.6	26,093.1	26,060,169	26,219,645

1/ INCLUDES SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AND OTHER COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, EXCLUDES FARM SLAUGHTER.

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COMMERCIAL CALF SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG...	27.3	27.2	2,510	2,580	377.0	356.7	35,612	34,240
N.Y.....	74.0	78.0	7,252	7,722	921.0	1,005.5	104,681	106,875
N.J.....	22.1	24.7	4,818	5,261	331.9	335.6	69,686	69,873
PA.....	55.0	53.0	6,600	6,360	688.5	715.0	88,734	89,831
OHIO.....	10.3	9.6	1,936	1,728	145.8	135.8	27,546	25,821
IND.....	9.6	8.0	2,256	1,952	118.2	118.0	26,467	27,573
ILL.....	35.0	24.8	5,005	3,869	353.5	335.6	54,408	32,633
MICH.....	21.2	35.0	3,032	6,370	345.7	367.3	55,615	62,750
WIS.....	101.0	81.0	11,615	9,396	993.0	865.5	117,993	104,320
MINN.....	23.3	19.4	4,217	3,376	221.7	202.2	41,090	37,945
IOWA.....	36.5	35.0	6,168	6,125	383.1	403.5	73,795	73,902
MO.....	4.7	4.9	1,330	1,333	70.5	64.6	19,170	17,367
N.DAK.....	--	--	--	--	.4	.4	161	154
S.DAK.....	--	--	--	--	.4	.1	106	30
NEBR.....	.8	.7	295	258	9.2	8.2	3,612	3,391
KANS.....	5.4	4.7	2,241	2,054	78.2	68.8	32,719	29,343
DEL.-MD...	4.4	3.9	639	599	56.2	58.2	9,006	9,168
VA.....	13.8	13.2	3,961	3,643	222.4	233.7	56,500	61,439
W.VA.....	.7	.8	127	139	11.5	10.4	2,104	1,949
N.C.....	2.4	1.2	526	224	28.6	25.8	6,453	3,604
S.C.....	6.5	6.0	2,216	2,070	77.6	89.4	24,322	28,551
GA.....	7.0	5.4	2,989	2,403	87.6	73.9	36,021	31,603
FLA.....	16.8	11.9	4,486	3,177	221.8	151.8	56,874	41,120
KY.....	1.7	2.1	366	460	28.3	26.7	6,359	5,976
TENN.....	13.2	9.5	3,287	2,498	205.0	181.2	50,913	45,799
ALA.....	2.2	2.5	990	1,165	36.3	31.8	16,673	14,178
MISS.....	5.8	6.6	2,622	3,043	97.3	86.1	42,847	37,569
ARK.....	1.5	1.3	646	606	25.0	22.8	10,263	9,255
LA.....	15.1	17.2	6,221	7,740	194.0	227.6	79,647	96,173
OKLA.....	3.6	3.9	1,757	1,907	53.7	65.6	25,953	32,441
TEXAS.....	52.0	53.0	27,872	28,832	777.5	726.5	404,183	389,364
MONT.....	.2	.2	73	66	3.2	2.6	1,140	903
IDAHO.....	.5	.4	108	110	6.6	5.1	1,544	1,306
WYO.....	--	--	--	--	.5	.4	170	118
COLO.....	.6	.4	221	145	10.2	6.7	4,021	2,582
N.MEX.....	.1	.2	45	91	1.6	1.6	712	724
ARIZ.....	.7	.8	325	370	10.3	10.1	4,857	4,719
UTAH.....	.8	.6	289	219	12.0	9.0	3,968	3,069
NEV.....	.2	.1	83	45	2.6	1.6	996	680
WASH.....	1.9	1.5	572	416	23.6	23.3	6,518	6,700
OREG.....	1.7	1.5	524	465	26.4	24.0	8,078	7,441
CALIF.....	35.0	26.5	7,070	6,068	443.5	363.5	104,186	81,860
U. S.....	614.6	576.7	127,292	124,885	7,701.2	7,442.2	1,715,709	1,659,431

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COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG...	47.9	59.1	11,283	14,059	576.2	643.7	136,520	152,727
N.Y.....	155.0	120.0	34,410	25,680	1,811.0	1,482.0	397,481	324,629
N.J.....	125.0	129.0	24,625	25,929	1,415.5	1,453.0	287,042	297,019
PA.....	263.0	265.0	58,649	59,360	2,887.0	2,893.0	637,456	640,503
OHIO.....	311.0	358.0	70,908	79,476	3,994.0	4,163.0	890,105	941,508
IND.....	370.0	408.0	96,570	106,080	4,698.0	4,943.0	1,166,568	1,245,764
ILL.....	411.0	487.0	109,737	121,263	4,878.0	5,550.0	1,279,788	1,414,661
MICH.....	140.0	146.0	31,640	32,558	1,569.0	1,666.0	352,599	373,919
WIS.....	298.0	285.0	70,626	69,255	3,140.0	3,210.0	737,823	767,472
MINN.....	496.0	496.0	121,520	124,000	5,654.0	5,566.0	1,400,488	1,377,888
IOWA.....	1,340.0	1,354.0	330,980	342,562	14,231.0	14,211.0	3,491,461	3,536,866
MO.....	307.0	320.0	76,136	82,240	3,809.0	3,868.0	931,053	971,127
N.DAK.....	1.5	1.6	318	350	17.8	17.6	4,009	3,937
S.DAK.....	235.0	233.0	60,160	60,813	2,308.0	2,453.0	606,186	643,940
NEBR.....	371.0	385.0	93,863	100,100	4,206.0	4,402.0	1,064,853	1,104,424
KANS.....	228.0	258.0	55,404	64,242	2,771.0	2,873.0	679,343	706,878
DEL.-MD...	60.7	48.4	13,304	10,288	818.8	676.1	179,175	144,257
VA.....	170.0	174.0	37,740	38,628	2,073.0	2,187.0	450,388	479,099
W.VA.....	12.0	9.3	2,784	2,213	160.6	128.6	36,301	29,890
N.C.....	93.5	96.5	20,664	21,616	1,151.5	1,205.0	255,321	267,851
S.C.....	36.5	37.5	8,176	8,100	431.0	444.5	94,076	99,733
GA.....	142.0	159.0	29,820	33,867	1,727.0	1,766.0	362,015	370,541
FLA.....	57.5	59.0	11,730	10,974	544.5	553.5	110,910	113,204
KY.....	112.0	122.0	25,872	27,816	1,479.0	1,501.0	334,539	339,509
TENN.....	183.0	172.0	42,639	40,076	2,310.0	2,359.0	525,883	541,902
ALA.....	69.5	69.0	15,360	15,180	822.5	733.0	178,740	160,858
MISS.....	55.0	60.5	12,265	13,612	685.0	760.5	151,394	168,834
ARK.....	26.0	27.0	5,980	6,210	287.5	320.8	64,380	72,641
LA.....	21.0	20.2	4,263	4,020	206.0	207.0	42,810	42,973
OKLA.....	49.5	51.5	12,771	13,338	629.5	639.0	156,514	158,955
TEXAS.....	164.0	160.0	37,392	37,440	1,707.0	1,761.0	390,669	405,729
MONT.....	19.9	23.6	4,796	5,570	255.5	288.9	60,461	66,004
IDAHO.....	11.8	10.5	2,561	2,331	147.2	133.4	31,993	29,008
WYO.....	2.2	2.9	499	667	32.1	33.7	7,247	7,601
COLO.....	51.5	56.5	11,896	13,221	585.0	658.5	134,721	152,195
N.MEX.....	7.7	9.2	1,802	2,052	87.8	101.4	20,481	23,115
ARIZ.....	12.8	11.5	2,880	2,634	146.5	142.0	33,435	32,559
UTAH.....	23.1	29.0	5,267	6,583	279.5	287.3	63,339	64,908
NEV.....	.8	.3	178	68	6.7	4.6	1,501	1,034
WASH.....	66.0	62.5	14,652	14,000	774.0	803.0	172,993	178,820
OREG.....	35.5	38.0	8,023	8,550	399.5	407.5	89,186	90,559
CALIF.....	157.0	137.0	36,738	30,414	1,622.5	1,757.0	375,925	406,500
U. S.....	6,739.9		1,616,881		77,334.7		18,387,172	
		6,951.6		1,677,435		79,253.6		18,951,681

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COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER 1/

STATE 2/	DECEMBER				JANUARY-DECEMBER			
	NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT		NUMBER SLAUGHTERED		TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	.9	1.2	82	111	239.5	16.6	21,277	1,461
N.Y.....	60.5	53.0	4,961	4,558	648.0	660.0	56,470	59,110
N.J.....	96.5	94.5	9,360	9,072	1,189.0	1,152.5	113,890	109,750
PA.....	32.5	26.0	3,022	2,392	401.0	376.5	36,656	34,078
OHIO.....	14.6	11.9	1,256	1,035	182.6	171.2	15,938	14,830
IND.....	14.1	11.1	1,410	1,154	192.5	142.3	19,364	14,162
ILL.....	45.0	69.5	4,050	6,672	529.0	739.0	49,225	69,727
MICH.....	42.0	76.0	4,368	7,980	740.0	834.5	75,186	84,799
WIS.....	11.9	2.1	1,142	183	152.4	67.1	15,052	6,428
MINN.....	125.0	91.0	12,625	9,100	1,261.0	995.5	127,515	99,532
IOWA.....	157.0	133.0	15,700	13,167	1,635.0	1,485.5	163,823	146,044
MO.....	51.0	43.5	4,896	4,220	668.0	587.0	65,448	56,329
N.DAK.....	7.8	9.2	796	957	39.8	71.7	4,038	7,377
S.DAK.....	35.0	30.0	3,535	3,120	440.0	375.0	44,924	38,277
NEBR.....	98.5	86.0	10,047	8,944	1,147.5	1,112.0	118,853	113,977
KANS.....	23.4	24.8	2,200	2,455	321.8	316.4	31,261	30,373
DEL.-MD....	5.9	5.1	538	444	95.4	84.4	8,814	7,627
VA.....	.3	.4	26	34	12.7	7.7	1,204	695
W.VA.....	.6	.4	57	37	10.4	8.0	950	729
N.C.....	.2	.1	21	10	1.7	1.6	174	158
S.C.....	.1	.1	7	9	1.0	1.1	94	111
GA.....	--	--	--	--	1.2	1.4	103	120
FLA.....	--	--	--	--	.5	.7	40	49
KY.....	12.2	16.5	1,122	1,534	201.1	225.5	18,031	20,001
TENN.....	3.0	2.3	258	193	75.9	68.1	6,428	5,747
ALA.....	--	.1	--	9	1.9	1.6	169	154
MISS.....	--	.1	--	10	.6	.6	51	49
ARK.....	--	--	--	--	.3	.1	31	7
LA.....	.1	.2	7	15	2.0	2.3	151	175
OKLA.....	.2	.2	21	20	2.3	1.8	239	180
TEXAS.....	99.5	117.0	9,154	10,179	1,694.0	1,904.0	153,148	165,531
MONT.....	.8	.6	86	61	8.7	9.5	855	951
IDAHO.....	3.6	3.9	407	437	76.7	84.9	8,496	8,945
WYO.....	.3	.2	34	23	12.1	4.2	1,265	457
COLO.....	111.0	128.0	11,322	13,184	1,810.0	1,919.0	181,124	193,865
N.MEX.....	3.8	2.6	391	252	52.6	42.7	5,658	4,336
ARIZ.....	.3	.7	29	65	3.3	10.6	316	995
UTAH.....	27.0	30.5	2,889	3,416	387.3	417.9	37,937	42,536
NEV.....	1.1	.4	118	43	15.0	8.3	1,527	864
WASH.....	11.3	11.8	1,266	1,263	182.9	202.6	18,749	20,518
OREG.....	14.6	12.3	1,504	1,242	255.3	244.5	25,294	23,775
CALIF.....	175.0	153.0	18,375	15,912	2,498.0	2,473.0	257,856	253,558
U. S.....	1,286.6	1,249.3	127,082	123,512	17,190.0	16,828.9	1,687,624	1,638,387

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, AVERAGE LIVELWEIGHT PER HEAD,  
DECEMBER 1961 AND 1962 1/

STATE 2/	CATTLE		CALVES		HOGS		SHEEP AND LAMBS	
	1961 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS	1961 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS	1961 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS	1961 POUNDS	1962 POUNDS
NEW ENG....	982	978	92	95	236	238	91	92
N.Y.....	1,085	1,082	98	99	222	214	82	86
N.J.....	1,227	1,223	218	213	197	201	97	96
PA.....	1,090	1,083	120	120	223	224	93	92
OHIO.....	1,006	980	188	180	228	222	86	87
IND.....	1,022	1,009	235	244	261	260	100	104
ILL.....	1,061	1,049	143	156	267	249	90	96
MICH.....	1,044	1,043	143	182	226	223	104	105
WIS.....	1,090	1,083	115	116	237	243	96	87
MINN.....	1,068	1,055	181	174	245	250	101	100
IOWA.....	1,089	1,080	169	175	247	253	100	99
MO.....	1,022	1,026	283	272	248	257	96	97
N.DAK.....	1,187	1,082	--	--	212	219	102	104
S.DAK.....	1,096	1,089	--	--	256	261	101	104
NEBR.....	1,047	1,045	369	369	253	260	102	104
KANS.....	996	1,012	415	437	243	249	94	99
DEL.-MD...	1,087	1,079	145	154	219	213	91	87
VA.....	1,010	994	287	276	222	222	87	86
W.VA.....	973	986	182	174	232	238	95	93
N.C.....	928	900	220	187	221	224	105	100
S.C.....	840	845	341	345	224	216	73	94
GA.....	811	833	427	445	210	213	--	--
FLA.....	905	898	267	267	204	186	--	--
KY.....	939	926	215	219	231	228	92	93
TENN.....	936	911	249	263	233	233	86	84
ALA.....	870	893	450	466	221	220	--	94
MISS.....	786	816	452	461	223	225	--	100
ARK.....	834	840	431	466	230	230	--	--
LA.....	709	798	412	450	203	199	69	73
OKLA.....	895	891	488	489	258	259	106	100
TEXAS.....	898	874	536	544	228	234	92	87
MONT.....	1,002	1,001	365	332	241	236	107	102
IDAHO.....	1,048	1,039	216	274	217	222	113	112
WYO.....	998	1,008	--	--	227	230	112	116
COLO.....	1,039	1,041	369	362	231	234	102	103
N.MEX.....	926	928	454	453	234	223	103	97
ARIZ.....	898	873	464	463	225	229	97	93
UTAH.....	1,001	1,016	361	365	228	227	107	112
NEV.....	1,039	1,015	414	453	222	228	107	108
WASH.....	1,024	1,020	301	277	222	224	112	107
OREG.....	1,007	998	308	310	226	225	103	101
CALIF.....	1,028	1,033	202	229	234	222	105	104
U. S.....	1,027	1,022	207	217	240	241	99	99

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the month totaled 1,980,800 head, 1 percent below December 1961 and 8 percent below November 1962. December slaughter cattle averaged 1,022 pounds per head live weight. This was 5 pounds less than December 1961, but 22 pounds more than November 1962.

VEAL PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1961

December veal production at 70 million pounds was 1 percent below the December 1961 production of 71 million pounds, and 11 percent below November 1962 production. The number of calves slaughtered this December totaled 576,700 head, 6 percent below December 1961, and 14 percent below November 1962. Calves slaughtered in December averaged 217 pounds per head live weight, 10 pounds heavier than December 1961 and 7 pounds heavier than November 1962.

PORK PRODUCTION 5 PERCENT ABOVE DECEMBER 1961

Pork production for December totaled 993 million pounds, 5 percent above the 950 million pounds produced a year earlier, but 5 percent below a month earlier. The hog kill for December was 6,951,600 head, 3 percent above December 1961, but 6 percent below November 1962. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered during December was 241 pounds per head, 1 pound more than a year earlier, but the same as a month earlier. The amount of lard rendered per 100 pounds of live weight of hogs was 12.5 pounds this December, 12.8 pounds in December 1961, and 12.5 pounds in November 1962.

LAMB AND MUTTON OUTPUT 3 PERCENT BELOW DECEMBER 1961

The lamb and mutton production in December 1962 was 60 million pounds, 3 percent below the 62 million pounds produced a year earlier and 8 percent below a month earlier. Sheep and lamb slaughter during December totaled 1,249,300 head, 3 percent below December 1961 and 9 percent below November 1962. The average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered during December was 99 pounds per head, the same as December 1961, but 2 pounds more than November 1962.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER UP 7 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER 1961

Poultry meat output for December totaled 562 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This was 7 percent above December 1961, but 23 percent below November 1962.

During 1962 poultry meat output totaled 6,988 million pounds ready-to-cook basis. This was 2 percent below the 1961 production of 7,121 million pounds.

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